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In re Application of :
 HACKBARTH et al. :
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 For: DEVICE FOR HEATING FOOD USING
 INDUCTION AND DEVICE FOR
 TRANSMITTING ENERGY

DECISION ON PETITION
 UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)

This decision is issued in response to the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) filed 15 December 2008 to revive the above-entitled application.

The petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) is **DISMISSED** without prejudice and the application remains abandoned.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a proper reply in a timely manner to the Notification of Missing Requirement (Form DO/EO/905) mailed 10 March 2008, which set forth a two (2) month time period for a response. A response was not filed and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, this application became abandoned at midnight on 10 May 2008.

37 CFR 1.137(b) permits the filing of a petition to revive an abandoned application where the abandonment resulted from an unintentional delay. A grantable petition under this section must include: (1) the required reply, unless previously filed; (2) the petition fee required by law; (3) a statement that the "entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to this paragraph was unintentional;" and (4) any terminal disclaimer and fee required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c). Items (2) - (4) have been satisfied.

With regard to Item (1), the proper response was the submission of the declaration of the inventors which complies with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b). A review of the declaration filed on 15 December 2008 reveals that the declaration is not in an acceptable form. Petitioner has

provided a defective executed composite declaration. A composite declaration under 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) requires that the declaration must be complete and identify each inventor in each set of declarations provided. The composite declaration is defective because it contains multiple duplicate sheets. This suggests that the enclosed declaration was constructed from numerous complete declarations or that the inventors forwarded to counsel only the signature pages of the declaration. Either alternative renders the submitted declaration defective under 37 CFR 1.497. While each inventor need not execute the same oath or declaration, where individual declarations are executed, they must be submitted as individual declarations rather than combined into one declaration. (See MPEP 201.03 B. Oath or Declaration.)

If reconsideration on the merits of this petition is desired, an appropriate response to this decision must be filed within **TWO (2) MONTHS** from the mail date of this decision. Any reconsideration request should include a cover letter entitled "Renewed Petition Under 37 CFR 1.137(b)." Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any further correspondence with respect to this matter may be filed electronically via EFS-Web selecting the document description "Petition for review and processing by the PCT Legal Office" or by mail addressed to Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Office of PCT Legal Administration, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, with the contents of the letter marked to the attention of the Office of PCT Legal Administration.



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